

# The Punta Gorda Herald

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The State Horticultural Society will meet in Tampa next Tuesday.

If the Times-Union and Citizen would only print pictures that folks can read!

On Thursday, May 8th, a volcano on the island of Martinique destroyed the city of St. Pierre and 40,000 people perished in thirty minutes.

Florida newspapers are trying to elect Editor Estill, of the Savannah News, governor of Georgia. But he is not a prohibitionist.

Capt. Samuel A. Smoke, well known and popular in DeSoto and Alachua counties, has been appointed military instructor at Yale College.

Notwithstanding the bar-rooms, they have blind tigers in Jacksonville; wherefore, it seems that the former are not a preventive of the latter.

The government will establish two fish hatcheries in Florida, one on the East Coast and one on the West. In this instance, the government shows wisdom.

Gainesville News: If genuine merit, ability and loyalty to party count for anything, and such qualities are to be rewarded, there can be but little doubt that Judge Hoeker will be elected to the Supreme Court bench.

Palatka Times-Herald: There are seven candidates in the field for the legislature in Duval county. Evidently the wild-eyed politicians up there believe that some millionaire will want a special law passed at the next term of the legislature.

Palatka Times-Herald: The newspapers all over the State are giving flattering endorsements to Judge Hoeker in his candidacy for the Supreme court. Unquestionably he is the popular candidate, and will leave Gen. Wall far in the rear when the race is ended.

Gov. Davis of Arkansas offered to pardon a negro criminal on condition that he remove to Massachusetts and become a citizen of that State. Perhaps this suggests the best possible solution of the race question after all. It is well worth trying in all the Southern States.

Some people over in Manatee seemed determined that no pasture lands shall be fenced. They have recently destroyed many miles of wire fencing on the Myakka; and last week, while the supposed offenders were on trial, the fences, which had been repaired, were again cut and destroyed. Manatee is thus threatened with a serious condition of things.

Referring to the open primary ordered by the DeSoto executive committee, the Gainesville Sun says: This is the first committee, to disregard the rule of the State committee permitting only those to participate in the primaries who voted (if they voted at all) the entire Democratic ticket, local, State and National, at the last election, and it remains to be seen what the State organization will do about it.

Down this way, Colonel, we believe in local self-government and, by the old Harry! we intend to practice it.

Superintendent Compton, of Lake county, protests that his county teachers do take the local papers either directly or indirectly. Many of them being ladies get the local papers through their brothers, fathers or husbands, who are the actual subscribers. Their salaries being small and they being employed only half the year and having many expenses to meet, Mr. Compton justly claims that, under the circumstances, they are as patriotic, progressive and public spirited as any other class of citizens. This is equally applicable to all the teachers of South Florida.

Col. H. H. McCreary, the courteous and brilliant editor of that excellent paper, the Gainesville Daily Sun, reproduces from THE HERALD the Finney-Olsen fish story with a preface so pleasant that we feel constrained to quote it. He says:

"Editor Jordan, of the Punta Gorda Herald, was at one time engaged in the newspaper business in Gainesville, and consequently is well known here. The editor of the SUN found him to be an honorable, upright gentleman, one whom it was a pleasure to acknowledge as a competitor, on account of the legitimate manner in which he conducted his business and the honest way he dealt with others in the same class of business."

It is certainly highly gratifying to have won such a good opinion from a gentleman having the lofty character of Col. McCreary.

## GIVE CAESAR HIS DUES.

Several weeks ago, Rev. H. W. Joiner of the Punta Gorda Methodist church, preached a sermon on "A Christian's Duties as a Citizen," which contained such excellent ideas of practical application to the present day and its conditions that they should have wide dissemination and general, serious consideration.

Taking as his text the words of Jesus, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's," he showed clearly that it was the Savior's design and will that His followers should not only "be subject to the powers that be," but that they should take a practical part in sustaining the government by paying taxes and obeying the laws.

So intimately on this earth is the spiritual associated with the material world that a man cannot fully discharge his duties as a Christian and ignore those which devolve upon him as a citizen. He may hold family prayer, go to church regularly and to all outward appearance live an upright Christian life, but if he evades the payment of his just proportion of taxes by giving in his property at less than its value, he is sinning in the eyes of God.

A man clearly owes it to pay taxes to the government which he expects to protect him in the enjoyment of life and property; and if he withholds through any trick, device or falsehood any portion of the amount due, he is guilty of cheating which is but dishonesty.

Even if the government and its laws are very distasteful, not to say hateful, it is the Christian's duty to pay his taxes and obey the laws. This was clearly taught to the Jews, to whom the Roman government was very obnoxious.

But in this day and time and in this country, the people are responsible for the government and the laws, for it is by their votes that these are made. They are therefore all the more bound to sustain their rulers and enactments.

If bad men get in office and make bad or oppressive laws, good men who do not use their influence to prevent it are to blame for it. We are estopped from complaining if we do not continually exert ourselves along just and lawful lines to remove the cause of complaint.

It is therefore the Christian duty of every citizen to vote and to do so conscientiously.

A man cannot escape his civil duties and remain a thorough Christian. Those by whom he is surrounded have righteous claims upon his influence and his activity for good. He cannot as a true Christian ignore his relation to others and out of these relations grow his civil duties. He cannot withdraw himself wholly into a spiritual atmosphere; he must come in contact with the material world and impress his character upon it for good or evil.

He must live amongst men and he must therefore render unto them those things which a common brotherhood demands. He has no right to stand idly by and see his neighbor robbed nor to remain passive and inactive as a citizen when the interests of good government are at stake.

In a word, a man who is a genuine Christian is required to pay his full quota of taxes, to obey the laws and to use his influence and his vote to secure good government.

## COTTAGE BURNED.

A five-room cottage belonging to Fulton Maguire, colored, was destroyed by fire at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening. The entire stock of household and kitchen furniture, including all the clothing of the family, was burned; not a thing was saved from the burning house, and there was no insurance.

It is supposed that the fire was accidentally started by a young colored girl who was the only one in the house at the time and who was evidently too badly frightened to give an alarm until it was too late. When the neighbors were attracted by her outcry, flames were issuing from the doors and windows.

The loss is probably not over \$400, but it is pretty heavy for a poor darky with a family. Maguire was in Key West at the time of the fire.

## LOST HIS WIFE.

Mr. Jim Daniels, who, with his family came here from Calvary about a month ago, had the sad misfortune to lose his wife last Saturday morning. She died of a complicated attack of fever and female troubles. She was formerly a Miss Mercer, age about 28 years, and her people live at Calvary, to which place her body was taken for burial last Saturday evening. She leaves five small children to mourn their irreparable loss. They and the bereaved husband have the general sympathy of our people.

## BIG SAW FISH.

Several days ago, Capt. Robt. Stephens and his crew of the sharpie "Uist" caught a big saw-fish in their nets. The fish was 21½ feet long and its saw was 3 feet 4 inches long by 8½ inches wide.

The men roped the fish up and smashed off its saw, then turned it loose to bleed to death.

It tore a huge hole in their nets.

## TELEPHONE EXTENSIONS.

The DeSoto Telephone Co. of this city are constructing a toll line from Charlotte Harbor to Liverpool, where connection will be made with Punta Gorda and Arcadia. This connection will be ready for business in a week or two.

The company are also extending their lines from town four miles south to Alligator creek, where they have six subscribers. Thus this great public convenience is fast covering a large scope of territory.

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL.

Regular Adjourned Meeting Held on May 7th 1902.

Present: J. H. Concanon, president; R. L. Earnest, J. M. Samuel, R. K. Seward.

On motion the reports of marshal, treasurer, tax collector and town clerk for the months of Jan'y, Feb. and March be approved.

On motion \$25 was donated for the support of the family of Adam Wilkins in the late illness, out of general fund.

On motion the cemetery committee were instructed to collect all money due for cemetery blocks and lots.

On motion the telephone franchise to E. A. White was amended so as to exclude long distance telephone lines of cities, towns and villages within 100 miles of Punta Gorda from entering the town.

C. M. Denham, B. A. Wachob and Geo. W. McLane, and J. J. Wellons were appointed inspectors and clerk of election to be held June 2nd, 1902.

Marshalls Report for Month of Dec. 1901 Fines collected \$125.00

Clerks Report for month of Dec. 1901 Fines received from Marshall \$125.00

Treasurers Report for month of Dec. 1901 Cemetery fund, balance 14.84

" Expense " 19.99

" Police " 137.12

" General " 32

" Street " 20.14

Report of Town clerk month of Jan. 1902:

" Shell sold by marshal 19.00

" Fines " 80.00

" Dog License " 3.00

" " " 102.00

Report of Tax Collector month of Jan. 1902: License collected 88.47

" Taxes " 92.62

Report of Marshall month of January 1902: Fines collected mayors court 66.00

Jan 1902: Sale of Shell 19.00

" Dog license 3.00

" " " 118.00

Treasurers Report for Jan 1902

Dec 31 Balance 137.12

Jan 31 W. B. Hardee 80.00

Jan 31 " 27.12

Jan 6 & 9 Paid Warrants 106.12

Balance 117.12

Balances, Gen Fund 56.55

Street 9.87

Cemetery 14.84

Expense 17.60

Police 106.12

Marshalls Report for Feb 1902: Mayor's Court, Fines collected 79.00

Report of Town Clerk for Feb. Received of Marshal, Fines 75.00

Dog licenses 3.00

Sale of shell 19.00

" " " 114.10

Redemption tax 6.24

Sale of Shell 6.00

Fines 12.00

Dog license 12.00

" " " 99.24

Report of Collector for March, 1902: License collected 22.67

Taxes 374.95

" " " 397.62

Marshalls Report for March, 1902 Fines collected in Mayors court 138.00

Dog license collected 12.00

Sale of Shell 6.00

## SUBURBAN DOTS.

Mr. Wm. Lawrence left last week for New York where he will perfect his patent compound rotary engine. If it comes up to all his expectations it will be a great thing for him and the public in general.

Mr. Tim Stephenson has engaged three first class carpenters from Arcadia to assist him in building his several contracts. One of them has rented the Hartigan cottage.

H. K. Farrell has contracted to build the dock for Mr. W. Rankin and will start the work in a day or two.

G. Meyrick has been under the weather for the last week but is getting alright again. He has been suffering with a bad cold.

Mrs. Tom Hartigan leaves the 10th for a visit to Charleston, S. C.

Mr. A. Guthrie and wife left Monday to be gone a week coasting down the bay.

Mr. H. Richards has purchased four lots from Gen. Gilchrist in East Punta Gorda. He will build a residence at once.

The pineapple growers have been excited over the report that a syndicate was being formed to buy all the apples this season. Let the buyers come on, that is what we want: sell at home, then we know what we get.

Several of the growers think it advisable to form a home association and would like to have a public meeting to talk the matter over. Why not?

Hugh Sewell and a friend of his from Key West were out visiting us Sunday and expressed great surprise at the way we are improving.

Mon. John Farrington has his place fenced and intends to start a hedge all around it of Cherokee roses.

Nathan Wakefield caught a red fish very near as large as himself Tuesday. Talk about a proud boy, he was one.

Mr. and Mrs. Purdie of Punta Gorda were out visiting Mrs. E. H. Brown this week.

## A Paying Education.

A thorough business or shorthand education is a paying one, especially from a high grade college. Such an institution is the Tampa Business College of Tampa Florida, which has been established since 1890. It holds the highest premiums from the Florida State Fair and employs the very best instructors. A training at this college is paying, because its President secures employment for its graduates. If you want to know more of this excellent Business Institution write for a free catalog. Address your card or letter to Tampa Business College, Tampa, Fla.

## SHERIFF'S SALE.

Under and by virtue of an execution issued out of and under the seal of the circuit court of DeSoto county, Florida in a certain case wherein C. C. Morgan is Plaintiff and William A. Ralls and Henry C. Crawford, partners doing business in the name of Ralls and Crawford are defendants, for the sum of Fifty dollars and seventy cents damages and three dollars and nineteen cents costs, I have levied upon and will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in front of the west door of the county court house in Arcadia.

ON MONDAY, THE 2ND DAY OF JUNE, A. D. 1902, all the following described real estate levied upon as the property of defendant Henry C. Crawford, to wit: commencing 100 feet northwest of southeast corner of lot 4 in block 7 in Punta Gorda, on the corner of a 10-foot alley on Cross street, thence with Cross street 35 feet, thence southwest 85 feet to a 10-foot alley, thence southeast with said alley 35 feet to 10-foot alley, thence along said alley to point of beginning.

T. E. FIELDER, Sheriff.

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